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Sir:

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Japanese Patent No. 2723686, published on March 9, 1998 discloses the technique of covering the first lens body with the second lens body. It does not teach, however, that a recessed section is formed between micro-lenses and the entire unit including a recessed section is covered with the second lens body as in the present invention.

Japanese Patent Application KOKAI Publication No. 60-53073, published on March 26, 1985 is cited in the body of the specification along with a statement of relevancy.

Japanese Patent Application KOKAI Publication No. 5-48057, published on February 26, 1993 is cited in the body of the specification along with a statement of relevancy.

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